

At a Council held at Boston, March 10.
1668.

THe Governour and Magistrates being assembled in Council, and in some measure sensible of the many tokens of the Lords displeasure against^{us} the cutting short the Fruits of the Earth for sundry years past, and otherwise bringing us low more then formerly; together with the many provoking Evils that do abound among us, to the great dishonour of God, and our Profession of his holy Name, and that notwithstanding all means used for to reclaim the same, which being in conjunction with sundry other things that are among us, threatening yet more displeasure against us, if the compassions of our tender hearted and long-suffering God do not timely prevent: Do therefore commend to all the Inhabitants of this Colony the Twenty fifth day of this instant to be kept a Publick Day of Humiliation, and spent in Fasting and Prayer to the Lord for pardon of whatever have been, or is provoking to his holy eyes; and that he will be pleased to give unto us, from the greatest to the least, truly to Repent of all our sins, and to reform the same; and that those uncomfortable Breaches made in several Societies may be again repaired, and we may obtain his favourable Presence with us this following year, and his blessing upon our present Seed-time, that so it may appear that the Lords anger is turned away from us, and that he is yet in our Zion, ruling in the midst of us, uniting the hearts of his poor people to do all his pleasure, and nothing else. Also the present low Estate of the Churches of Christ in Europe, and especially in our dear Native Country, is to be humbly presented before the Lord.

By the Council,

Edward Rawson Secret:

[Handwritten notes and signatures, mostly illegible due to fading and slant. Some legible fragments include:]
Confined by the Council
17th March 1668
The Council of the Colony
of the Massachusetts Bay
in New England
do hereby certify
that the within
is a true and
correct copy
of the original
as the same
lies on file
in the Council
house at Boston
this 13th day
of March 1668
Edward Rawson
Secretary